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GERMANS HAVE ABANDONED THEIR DRIVE FOR YPRES

Fire of Enemy Artillery Is Centered Between Givency and the Neippe Forest

IT IS A VITAL SECTION OF THE BRITISH LINE

The Patrols of the Allies Have Been Active All Along the Line—At Hangard and Villers-Bretonneux, Before Amiens, They Have Taken Positions of the Teutons—The Germans Have Extended Their Invasion of Southern Russia—The Authority of General Foch Has Been Extended to Include the Forces On the Italian Front.

Having met with a reverse in their operations on the northern side of the Flanders salient, where the French and British have stood shoulder to shoulder in defense of Ypres and the high ground which forms a bulwark in front of the channel ports, the Germans have, as indicated by the most recent reports, turned to the southern side of the angle in the allied lines in northern France. On Thursday night and Friday the German artillery had seemingly centered its fire on the line between Givency and the Neippe Forest, and it may be that the enemy soon will launch an attack against this vital section of the British line.

Despatches from the British headquarters tell of a tremendous cannonade in the Ypres region, which may be taken to mean the part of the Flanders battlefield at or near Ypres, where the Germans made their greatest advance after the fall of Arras.

Articles appearing in the German newspapers would seem to indicate efforts to prepare the German people for an announcement that there will be no immediate attempt to take Ypres. Experts, writing what may be considered impartial reviews of the situation, say that nothing would be gained by the capture of the ruined city. This may mean that the Germans wish to turn their attention to some other part for a new effort, and the bombardment of the lines near Ypres and further east may be the first step in an attempt to either bore straight through the allied armies, or cut through toward the south and force a British retreat from the Arras-Lens sector. So far as known, no infantry fighting has occurred in this sector in the past day.

While waiting for the Germans to make the next move, the allies have not been idle. All along the line, their patrols have been active and at Hangard and Villers-Bretonneux, before Amiens, they have taken tactical positions from the Teutons. One of these positions was Hill 52, north of Amiens, where the allied forces have been extended to include the forces on the Italian front, as a result of the Inter-Allied War Council at Amiens.

German troops operating in Ukraine have advanced into the Donetz coal region, on the eastern part of the government of Kharkov. The presence of Germans as far east as this would seem to indicate the German domination of southern Russia and the Black Sea is almost complete.

The authority of General Foch, who has recently designated himself as the in-chief of the allied armies in France, has been extended to include the forces on the Italian front, as a result of the Inter-Allied War Council at Amiens.

SENATE TO VOTE ON SEDITION BILL TODAY

Features Alleged to Limit Freedom of Speech Were Attacked Yesterday.

Washington, May 3.—An agreement to vote at four o'clock tomorrow on the sedition bill was reached today by the Senate after another day of attack on features alleged to limit freedom of speech and extending the postmaster-general's mail censorship powers.

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NEW ORDERS BY THE FUEL ADMINISTRATION

One Revokes the Diverting of Bituminous Coal to New England.

Washington, May 3.—The fuel administration today revoked, effective May 5, special orders issued last winter diverting bituminous coal to New England, and also announced the restriction of shipments of anthracite coal to Canada.

Chili to Use German Steamers

Santiago, Chili, May 3.—The agreement which has been pending with Germany for the release of three of the German merchantmen which have been laid up in Chilean ports during the war has been completed. Germany has stipulated that the vessels should be used to carry cargoes only to neutral ports, and that they should be used to carry cargoes only to neutral ports.

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EHRET, JR., READY TO TURN OVER FATHER'S PROPERTY

George Ehret, Sr., Has Been Living in Berlin Since Declaration of War.

Washington, May 3.—George Ehret, Jr., of New York city, upon learning from the state department that his father, George Ehret, Sr., had been living in Berlin since the declaration of war, has indicated that he is ready to turn over to the custody of the government real estate amounting to \$24,000,000, and personal property amounting to \$16,000,000, or \$40,000,000 in all.

RHODE ISLAND HAS NO USE FOR VAGRANTS

All Able Bodied Male Residents Between 18 and 50 Must Work.

Providence, R. I., May 3.—Governor Frederick A. Dyer today issued a decree that all able bodied male residents between the ages of 18 and 50 inclusive to obtain regular employment for at least 12 hours a week, under penalty of fine or imprisonment for failure to comply. The details of supplying work to those who apply for it are to be carried out by Col. George H. Webb, state commissioner of industrial statistics. The legislature recently authorized the governor to take such steps when he felt that the war situation made it desirable.

TWO LIBERTY EXPLOSIONS AT EAST HAMPTON, CONN.

Drew to the Town Hall Nearly All the Population—Caused Alarm.

East Hampton, Conn., May 3.—Two terrific explosions drew to the town hall here today nearly all the population of the town, who feared a catastrophe. It was a scheme of the Liberty bond committee, who sold in fifteen minutes \$14,000 worth of the third loan, bringing the town's total to \$50,000 on a quota of \$43,800.

CHARGED WITH DESERTING FROM REGULAR ARMY

Also With Theft of Jewelry and Impersonating an Officer.

New Haven, Conn., May 3.—Herbert L. McClair, 22, brought back by officers from Old Orchard, today is charged with deserting from the regular army, stealing the registration card of Charles L. Galt of Yale, impersonating an officer, and also of being a fugitive. He had worked for the Liberty loan in New York under the name of Galt.

Cabled Paragraph

Great Britain Accepts Offer of Egypt

London, May 3 (Via Ottawa).—The government has gratefully accepted the offer of Egypt to immediately contribute three million pounds toward war expenditures, and also to provide a further half million in the new budget.

ALL STEEL AND PIG IRON HAS BEEN COMMANDEERED

That Not Used For War Purposes Will Be Distributed Among Industries

Washington, May 3.—Every ton of steel and pig iron in the country virtually has been commandeered by the government for war purposes and any surplus remaining after war needs are met, will be distributed to non-war industries under strict government supervision.

This was learned officially today following publication in New York of minutes of a meeting held last Friday attended by the chief steel men of the country and J. Leonard Replough, director of steel for the war industries board. Eight thousand tons of pig iron were taken today from a large mill engaged in less essential work and shipped to a steel mill doing war work, which was about to close down because of pig iron shortage. Similar action has been taken more than once during the past few weeks, and the practice will be continued whenever steel mills and plants engaged in non-war work have steel and pig iron needed at those turning out steel for the government's war requirements.

The passenger automobile industry on the largest consumers of steel of so-called less-essential industries, will be among the first to feel the effect of the policy. Representatives of 75 per cent of automobile manufacturers of the United States are to meet next Monday a government committee composed of P. B. Noyes, director of conservation of the fuel administration, George W. Peck, director of the finished products of the war industries board, and Mr. Replough.

These officers will announce that the government's and allies' steel requirements will necessitate a 15 per cent curtailment of the passenger automobile industry or possibly a greater restriction.

MRS. HENRY C. EMERY TELLS OF EVENTFUL TRIP

With Her Husband, She Was Taken Prisoner by the Germans.

New York, May 3.—Mrs. Henry C. Emery, wife of Professor Emery, formerly of Yale university and one time chairman of the United States tariff commission, today told the story of the eventful trip of herself and her husband on which they were taken prisoners by the Germans on the island of Heligoland in March while trying to return to the United States from Russia.

Mrs. Emery reached here several days ago, bringing the word of the release of her husband from a detention camp at Danzig, and said he is expected to arrive in this country soon.

"The Germans had no right to take us, because we were on neutral territory, but in justice to them I must say that they treated us very decently," said Mrs. Emery today.

Leaving Petrograd on Feb. 23, when the Germans were threatening the city, Mr. and Mrs. Emery spent three weeks in Finland, and were able to leave only on letters of introduction to Russian authorities from General Poole of the British army. While en route on a party of five, they were taken to the island of Heligoland, at the entrance of the Gulf of Bothnia, where they expected to take a steamer, they encountered a German patrol boat.

The movement in most states will begin May 25 and will be completed in five days. By this order the war department abandons its plan of assembling men in even monthly increments of approximately 100,000. Under the new plan, it was intended to call out not to exceed \$50,000 additional men during 1918. The call for 150,000 in April and 233,000 this month will bring the total number of men called to the number originally contemplated for the year. Officials made it clear that it is now the purpose to mobilize the entire reserve force, and that training facilities can be provided.

CHANTIES BEING TAUGHT APPRENTICE SEAMEN

Being Trained by Shipping Board Recruiting Service on Boston Common.

Boston, May 3.—The common school today with the old time chanties that Yankee sailors sang years ago and which are being taught now to apprentices being trained by the Shipping board recruiting service for seamen and firemen in the country's augmented merchant marine. To boost the Liberty loan campaign here a delegation from the training ships led by Stanton H. King, official chantey man of the regular army, sang a number of the best known chanties at a public rally at block and tackle hitched to a big roller on which each bond purchaser was given a ride.

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Both federal and city authorities are ready to make formal charges but it is not known yet what selections will be made of the many possible.

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Miss Butterworth fired five shots at Elliott on the Holyoke streets on April 5, one shot proving fatal. She attempted to commit suicide by turning the revolver upon herself, but was prevented by men who straggled with her. Miss Butterworth was 29 years old.

\$15,000,000,000 For Army Next Year

EXCLUSION OF FUNDS IN FORTIFICATIONS BILL

ARE BAKER'S FIGURES \$100,000 IS INVOLVED

Forty-Five States Have Been Called Upon to Provide 233,000 Men to Join the Colors in May.

Washington, May 3.—Simultaneously with the announcement today that 233,000 men from 45 states had been called to join the colors in May, Secretary Baker indicated the scope of the government's plans for increasing its fighting strength by stating that congress had been asked to appropriate approximately \$15,000,000,000 for the army for the next fiscal year. That amount is exclusive of funds provided in the fortifications bill which not only covers coast defenses but as a rule provides the bulk of heavy field ordnance.

Last year the army estimates aggregated six billion and six hundred millions for a force of 1,500,000 men which has already been exceeded. The call for a quarter of a million

New York, May 3.—Purchase of an automobile and other evidences of unusual prosperity last night to the arrest of Lawrence Goldman of Brooklyn, a clerk employed by the quartermaster's department in the purchasing office of the army transport service in this city, on a charge of accepting bribes for manipulating bids for army contracts. According to Robert P. Stephens, assistant United States district attorney, contracts involving at least \$100,000 are believed to have been passed since Jan. 1 as a result of manipulation by Goldman, who is said to have made large bank deposits in his wife's name recently.

William C. Colson, agent for a lifeboat and raft manufacturing concern at Cos Cob, Conn., was arrested on a charge of giving Goldman \$1,000 last February to influence his official action.

Thomas B. Galbraith, said to represent the Combination Rubber company, and John Craven, a broker engaged in the sales of chemicals and other army supplies, also were arrested, charged with having attempted to bribe Goldman by offering him \$200 and \$25, respectively.

Goldman, chairman of \$5,000 bail and the others in \$2,000 each for a hearing May 18.

COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT REACHED WITH NORWAY

Norway Is Assured of Supplies and Is to Permit Export of Norwegian Commodities.

Washington, May 3.—Signing of a general commercial agreement between the United States and Norway, the first agreement of the kind to be entered into by America with one of the north European neutrals, was announced tonight by the war trade board.

Under the agreement Norway is assured of supplies to cover her estimated needs so far as they can be furnished without detriment to the war needs of the United States and its allies. The agreement also provides that America and its allies of all Norwegian products not needed for home consumption.

It is provided that none of the supplies imported from the United States or its associates or forwarded with the aid of American funds shall go directly or indirectly to the central powers, or be used to replace commodities exported to those countries.

The agreement was signed by Vance C. Colver, chairman of the war trade board, and Dr. Fritzjof Nansen, the famous explorer, on special mission to this country from Norway.

GERMANS ARE REPAIRING DAMAGE AT ZEEBRUGGE

Channel Is Likely to Remain Blocked for Some Time.

London, May 3.—Latest reports show that the Germans are displaying great activity in endeavoring to repair the damage caused at Zeebrugge, the German submarine base on the Belgian coast, by the recent British naval raid. The channel still remains blocked, and it is thought likely it will remain so for a considerable time.

Apart from the fact that the entrance is occupied by two sunken concrete vessels, the position of the sunken cruiser Thetis, which is at the edge of the shoal, is likely to increase the difficulties of dredging and prevent the harbor from being cleared up.

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FARMERETTES ARE ARRIVING IN GREENWICH

Will Soon Don Overalls for General Agricultural Work.

Greenwich, Conn., May 3.—A unit of ten girls, the advance guard of farmerettes, who are to be trained and equipped on the farm of Henry J. Fisher at Round Hill. They are accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Hetherly of New York, and with the exception of Mrs. Houghton Bulkley of Hartford, are from New York and New Jersey. With other units soon to come they will do general agricultural and rural work on the Fisher, Roger S. Baldwin and the Mrs. John H. Fluker farms for the next six weeks.

THE NAMES OF ONE AMERICAN KILLED IN ACTION AND ONE WOUNDED APPEARED IN THE CANADIAN CASUALTY LIST

Quartermaster Clerk is Held For Bribery

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Condensed Telegrams

Radium was placed on export conservation list.

The Teutonic powers will dethrone King Ferdinand of Roumania.

Investigation of the army aviation situation was urged by the Senate.

Applications for passports will be held up for at least seven days by the State Department.

Field-Marshal Haig in a message to Queen Mary said his "army will fight until full victory is achieved."

Chinese troops are moving toward the Fukien-Wang Tung border to begin an offensive against rebels.

The Earl of Derby has presented his credentials to President Poincaré as ambassador from Great Britain.

When the next potato crop is gathered in Great Britain part of it will be put aside to make potato flour.

Two men were killed and one injured in a fire on board the steamship New Shoreham at an Atlantic port.

The Syracuse Building Employers' Association granted five cents an hour increase demanded by striking bricklayers.

The Food Administration issued a warning to ice profiteers and served notice it would not stand for any price increase.

William G. Cox, new supervisor of Government shipbuilding yards along the Delaware, began his work in Philadelphia.

Flower sales will be held on Monday throughout the State.

The proceeds will go to destitute Belgian families.

Henry L. Haines, cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of Gloucester, N. J., was arrested on a charge of embezzlement.

An investigation was begun into the fire at the auditorium, Vineland, N. J. Warnings against patriotic celebrations were given.

A Chinese gunboat carrying Premier Tuan Chi-Jui up the Yangtze-Kiang collided with the Chinese steamer. The steamer sank.

Abe Buzzard, leader of the Welsh Mountain band, was sentenced to not less than six years' imprisonment for stealing chickens.

Albert B. Kern, of New York, was appointed general counsel in the new bureau of housing and transportation by Secretary Wilson.

Senator Phelan told the Senate Mines Committee he believed a bomb was planted in the cargo of the collier Cyclops, which is missing.

The German Minister of War has ordered an inventory of all bronze statues throughout the Fatherland. Bells of churches are included.

Trench shelters are being constructed along the main avenues in Paris to escape airplane bombs. Three thousand bombproof cellars are now in use.

Germany established martial law in Kiev, capital of the Ukraine. Officials were arrested on a charge that they were too weak to maintain the government.

Frederick Fedoff and Tony Tachin natives of Russia, were convicted of seditious utterances in Jersey City. Tachin was formerly an I. W. W. member.

The class of 1909 Naval Academy of Annapolis will erect a memorial to the 110th anniversary of the death of the men who have lost their lives fighting for their country.

Vigorous denial was made at the White House of a rumor that Secretary Lansing would be detailed to Europe by President Wilson on a special mission.

The War Department announces that the 25th in the army, conscripts to show improvement. Deaths last week were 251 compared with 278 for the previous week.

A committee of automobile men will confer with Bernard Baruch, chairman of the War Industries Board in Washington, on Monday on the limitation of production.

Flying Cadet Nicholas Healey was instantly killed and Cadet O'Hanley sustained a broken ankle as a result of an airplane accident at La Jolla, near San Diego, Calif.

Homer Whitely, one of Pershing's fifty, sent to America to help the Liberty Loan, was cheered by 10,000 at Yonkers as he threw an effigy of the Kaiser into the river.

Lieut. William von Bricken, formerly military attaché of the German consulate in San Francisco, was charged with conspiring to overthrow British rule in India, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Rev. Dr. William P. Ladd was elected dean of the Berkeley Divinity school by the board of trustees at Middletown yesterday to succeed the late Samuel R. Hart, who died in February, 1917.

Presentation of arguments on the petition of the International News Service—the Hearst service—for dissolution of injunctions restraining that organization from pirating Associated Press news was completed yesterday in the supreme court.

OBITUARY

Robert Morrison Olyphant.

New York, May 3.—Robert Morrison Olyphant, oldest alumnus of Columbia University and honorary chairman of the executive committee of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, died at his home here today in his ninety-fourth year.

Major William Austin Wadsworth, a native of Boston and maintained a home here, but passed much of his time at Genesee, N. Y., where he was prominently associated with local enterprises. He was president of the New York State Forest, Fish and Game Commission, the New York State Agricultural Society and the State Road Improvement Association.

Major Wadsworth served in the Spanish-American war, and was given the rank of major while attached to the quartermaster's department on the Philippine expedition.

BANNER DAY IN LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN

Yesterday \$189,283,700 Was Subscribed, With Additional Reports Yet to Come

LOAN NOW OFFICIALLY IS \$2,940,640,400

Today's Results Are Expected to Exceed All Previous Records, as It Is Believed Big Business Interests Have Waited Until the Final Hour to File Their Subscriptions—Connecticut Has Subscribed 21 Per Cent Beyond Its Quota—Campaign Will Close at Midnight Tonight.

Washington, May 3.—With only one day of the third Liberty loan campaign remaining, the total of subscriptions tonight rose nearly to the billion dollar level, leaving a big task for loan workers tomorrow to gather in enough seventh hour pledges to insure the billion or two oversubscription sought by the treasury.

Official reports tonight showed \$2,940,640,400, an increase since last night of \$189,283,700, which is the biggest day's business ever recorded since the third loan campaign opened four weeks ago. It was said additional subscriptions obtained after reports were filed tonight might send the total above three billion.

The campaign will close officially at midnight Saturday, local time, and most of the country's 27,000 banks will remain open throughout the evening to accommodate procrastinating bond buyers. Without doubt the day will be the biggest of the campaign, for, as in the last two loans, big business interests have waited until the final hour to file their subscriptions, and thousands of small bond buyers have put off entering their names on the honor roll.

The total also will be boosted tomorrow by the recording of subscriptions already made but not supported by initial payments, and consequently not officially reported.

The headquarters review again emphasizes that it is necessary to pay only 6 per cent of the subscription disclosed today for the first time, the final hour to file their subscriptions, and thousands of small bond buyers have put off entering their names on the honor roll.

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PROGRESS OF MERCHANTS' SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMME

235 Vessels Launched With an Aggregate Tonnage of 1,440,627.

Washington, May 3.—Exact figures on the progress of the Merchants shipbuilding programme this year were disclosed today for the first time. They show that under direction of the shipping board, there have been launched 235 steel and wooden vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 1,440,627.

There now are operating 157 shipyards with 753 ways in use. There are 235 vessels under construction, either completed or under construction, four concrete ways and 19 ways devoted to naval work.

The launchings of steel ships include 135 vessels with a total tonnage of 1,195,587, obtained by requisition. The grand total of contract and requisitioned ships already launched is 1,440,627.

Already delivered are 135 steel vessels with a total tonnage of 977,371. Wooden ships launched today were 100, with an approximate tonnage of 198,500.

NEW CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OVERSEAS FORCES

Gen. James W. McAndrew Appointed, and Gen. Harbord Assigned to Command in Field.

With the American Army in France, May 3.—Major-General James W. McAndrew, National Army, has been appointed chief of staff of the American Expeditionary Forces, assuming his duties immediately. Brig-Gen. James G. Harbord, National Army, who has been Gen. Pershing's chief of staff, has been assigned to command in the field, which he will take over this week.

These changes are explained as being in conformity with Gen. Pershing's policy of making shifts among the staff officers of the general staff. In this process some are sent to the field and others are sent to the staff to gain on the front, and by reason of recent personal experiences, are better able to grapple with field problems. This policy also serves to give the general staff officers an opportunity to serve with the troops. A new post of deputy chief of staff at headquarters has been created with a view to giving the chief of staff more freedom of action and enabling him to keep in closer touch with the combatant troops.

IN QUANDRY OVER NEW POSTAL RATES

Whether Second Class Rates Come Under a "Rider" or a Separate Bill.

Washington, May 3.—Another development regarded as favorable to opponents of increases in second class postal rates, which become effective July 1 became public late today when the postoffice committee appointed a sub-committee to report whether the postage question may, under the rules, be made a rider to the postoffice appropriation bill or must be a separate bill.

DECISION AGAINST VICTOR TALKING MACHINE CO.

Held to Be an Illegal Combination in Restraint of Trade.

New York, May 3.—The Victor Talking Machine company was held to be an illegal combination in restraint of trade in a final decree signed late today by Federal Judge Augustus N. Hand. The court issued the usual dissolution restraining orders in such cases.

ENDICOTT APPEALS FOR 1,000 RECRUITS FOR FARM WORK

To Meet the Labor Shortage—Farmers Now Face.

An appeal for 1000 recruits for farm work to meet the labor shortage the farmers now face was made today by Henry B. Endicott, executive manager of the state committee on public safety. Mr. Endicott pointed out that the 1000 recruits should be from among men not already engaged in farming.

BAKER STUDYING REPORT OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

To Ascertain if Facts Warrant an Official Inquiry.

Washington, May 3.—Secretary Baker announced today that he was studying the report on